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SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF VISAS FOR USLO PERSONNEL

REF: A) STATE 191068; B) PEKING 1329; C) PEKING 1499

BEGIN SUMMARY: CHINESE AGREE TO ISSUE ONE YEAR MULTIPLE EXIT/ENTRY VISAS FOR USLO PERSONNEL, BUT REQUEST US ISSUE OTHER THAN B-1 VISAS TO PRCLO PERSONNEL. END SUMMARY. ACTION REQUESTED.

1. DURING DECEMBER 6 MEETING, MFA CONSULAR OFFICIAL LIN YUNG-PING STATED THAT THE CHINESE SIDE WOULD HENCEFORTH ISSUE MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR TWELVE MONTHS TO USLO PERSONNEL.

2. LIN WENT ON TO SAY THAT SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LIAISON OFFICE THE CHINESE HAVE ISSUED DIPLOMATIC VISAS TO USLO PERSONNEL. THESE VISAS PERMIT USLO PERSONNEL TO ENJOY DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES, INCLUDING EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS INSPECTION.

3. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE VISAS ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES SIDE TO PRCLO PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN B-1 CLASSIFICATION VISAS.

4. WHEN PRCLO PERSONNEL ENTERED THE UNITED STATES, THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONS WHEN THEY HAD DIFFICULTIES AND WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT TO US CUSTOMS BAGGAGE EXAMINATIONS.

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5. THIS DOES NOT CONFORM TO THE SPIRIT OF "RECIPROCITY", LIN SAID.
HE NOTED THAT RECIPROCITY APPLIES NOT ONLY TO THE NUMBER OF
ENTRIES PERMITTED BUT TO THE TYPE OF VISA.

6. HE ENDED BY STATING THAT THE CHINESE HOPE "THAT DIPLOMATIC
VISAS OF SUCH CLASSIFICATION WILL BE ISSUED TO PERMIT PRCLO
PERSONNEL TO ENJOY ALL IMMUNITIES, SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTION FROM
US CUSTOMS INSPECTION UPON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE."
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